

nest at Colyton, S. Devon, 4.ii.40 (G.H. Ashe). The species must certainly occur in many more localities, and may well be found in collections mixed with others of the genus. The sexual and other characters given by Kevan (*loc. cit. supra*) are fully adequate for diagnosis. A.A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, Charlton, London SE7 8QG.

NEW RECORDS OF LEPIDOPTERA FROM SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE — I would like belatedly to record the capture of a single rosy marbled moth (*Elaphria venustula* Hb.) at m.v. on 26.vi.1986 in South Worcestershire. This was followed on 3.vii.1986 by a single example of the pyralid *Pempelia formosa* Haw. Both appear to be new County records, well outside their normal range in the U.K. Their capture coincided with the only, and brief, spell of warm weather here in 1986, and I suspect that the former, at least, may be a short distance migrant.

I would also like to record the arrival in the County of *Hadena compta* D. & S. — taken at m.v. on 13.vii.1987. *Lithophane leautieri* Boisd. was first recorded by me in the Worcester area in 1985, and subsequent records show that it has been resident in the Evesham area for some years. Where I now live, some four miles west of Worcester City, *leautieri* is now quite common in the autumn. A.N.B. SIMPSON, The Sycamores, Old Rectory Gardens, Leigh, Worcs.

A PROPOSED NEW R.E.S. HANDBOOK FOR THE TACHNIDAE (DIPTERA) — Work has just started on this new handbook. The collections in the British Museum (Natural History), upon which the work will primarily be based, has an inadequate series of the species given below, and I am seeking the loan of specimens:

*Actia exoleta* Meig.; *Gymnosoma nitens* Meig.; *Belida angelicae* Meig.; *Carcelia intermedia* Hert.; *Ceranthia lichtwardtiana* Villn.; *Eurythaea scutellaris* R.-D.; *Germaria ruficeps* Fall.; *Gonia foersteri* Meig.; *Hemimacquartia paradoxa* Brauer and Berg.; *Litophasia hyalipennis* Fall.; *Phebellia nigripalpis* R.-D.; *P. stulta* Zett. and *Siphona mesnili* Ander.

Any catalogue of tachinid collections held by individuals or institutions would be useful. The assistance of collectors is also requested to help expand the host records of this group. Specimens reared from known hosts would be greatly appreciated. All parts of the puparium and remains of the host should be included along with the locality, date, host plant/habitat and authority for host identification. The adult fly should be kept alive for a day or two to allow its cuticle to harden. Specimens reared from hosts whose identity is uncertain would also be of value, especially if accompanied by the puparium. Identifications will be provided if requested and the specimens returned by any date required. Any fly which has developed as an internal parasite of